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Lt. General Joseph F. Carroll  
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of 13 March concerning the review of SIGINT requirements which is being conducted as a result of Mr. McCone's conversations with the Secretary of Defense. I hope that the conversations we have had, and particularly the discussion in your office yesterday afternoon, have made it clear that I am thoroughly in agreement with your thought that any restatement of requirements should allow, and indeed emphasize the need for, flexibility to meet unexpected situations. I am in full agreement that the review of requirements must take full account of the need of operational commanders for intelligence, and we will of course look to DIA to represent their interests in the exercise. I also agree that the present exercise must necessarily be in the nature of an initial review and that the refinement of intelligence requirements should be regarded as a continuing process.

I hope early next week to be able to send you a draft of our proposed statement defining the objectives of the review of "Early Warning" intelligence activities which   is undertaking, together with a tentative outline of the various topics and subjects to be covered in this report. In the meantime, I am very grateful indeed for your support of this undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John A. Bross

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